



First Things in Youth Ministry

A FORMATIVE JOURNEY WITH NEW YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERS



Program Overview

Just starting in youth ministry and not sure where to start? Been in ministry and feel you could use a refresher?

First Things in Youth Ministry is a seven-session online formation program for anyone new, or wanting a refresher. Whether volunteer or paid, this training provides direction for those taking on a new leadership role, for those wanting a refresher, or to get back to the basics! Think of it as basic training in comprehensive youth ministry.

Learn and Grow Together (Training Format)

First Things in Youth Ministry uses a cohort model to not only provide participants with the foundational information for leading a youth ministry program, but with a community of support as well.

- ^ **Online Cohort:** 4-8 leaders and 1 coach per group
- ^ **3 Months of Virtual Formation:** Initial orientation and six 90-minute online sessions
- ^ **Participant Preparation:** Approximately 3 hours of required reading, viewing content, and reflection activities prior to each session
- ^ **Group Discussion:** Share insights on material and practical application to local situations
- ^ **Practical Applications:** Apply learnings through tangible steps and strategies that assist in building a comprehensive youth ministry model
- ^ **Diving Deeper:** Follow-up materials for further development available for each

session



This program was developed as part of the [5-year strategy for NFCYM](#), with the overarching goal to **Empower 15,000 Ministers to Advocate for Young People to be an Integral Voice within their Local Communities.**

First Things in Youth Ministry aligns under focus area one: *Embrace the Essential Elements of Comprehensive Youth Ministry.*

“What a wonderful opportunity for those new to youth ministry. It is always overwhelming to decide where to begin and First Things provides the how-tos right when you need them most.”

— Christie Smith, NFCYM Member

Setting The Foundation (Training Topics)

To see a summary of what is covered in each session, visit nfcym.org/first-things.

FIRST THINGS ON...

- ^ Comprehensive Youth Ministry
- ^ Understanding Young People, Culture, and Your Local Context
- ^ Building a Leadership Team and Recruiting Volunteers
- ^ Accompanying Young People and Their Parents
- ^ Program Planning and Budgeting
- ^ Resources and Networking

Registration and Cost

Cost per participant is \$50.00, which includes all program materials and resource!

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A one-year Associate Membership (a \$75 value) to NFCYM, which includes additio:

- ^ Professional Development
- ^ Resourcing and Support
- ^ Access to Digital Content
- ^ Local and National Networks
- ^ Networking Opportunities
- ^ Early Access to Booking NFCYM
- ^ Events/Programming
- ^ Discounts to NFCYM Events/Programming

"I am so excited that NFCYM is offering this opportunity for youth ministry leaders. I wish that this was available to me 30 years ago. Knowing that parish, diocesan, and national youth ministry experts were part of putting this program together is so amazing. I need a refresher course, myself so I may take this as well. I hope and pray you will consider taking this program. You won't be disappointed."

— Jim Flanagan, NFCYM Member

Winter 2024:
Virtual Info Session
January 8th!
Cohort will start at the end of January!

Space is limited!

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